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Senator Cory Gardner
354 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gardner:

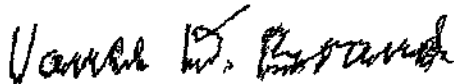
As you already know, my wife and children and I (The Bar D Ranch LLC) donated 40 acres of land near Estes Park, Colorado to the Rocky Mountain Conservancy with the hope that the Congress will accept it on behalf of the American People into Rocky Mountain National Park.

The land is located around four miles northeast of the summit of Longs Peak in rugged terrain above an altitude of 9,000 feet. It lies along the eastern boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park and is in the Tahosa Valley of Larimer County. I purchased it in 1967. Once that the land is accepted by the U.S. Government, it will add forty acres of untouched, beautiful forest to RMNP.

Although now retired in Southern California, I was born and raised in Longmont, Colorado. During high school in Longmont and college in Boulder, I spent several summers working in Estes Park at the Stanley Hotel and in a restaurant. This gave me the opportunity to hike the trails in RMNP and to climb Longs Peak many times. Now my family has a reunion each year in Estes Park, and we especially appreciate the wildlife and the magnificence and beauty of RMNP.

My view is that this donation is payback to the American people in appreciation for the wonderful times and many benefits that I received from great experiences in RMNP. I request the U.S government to adjust the eastern boundary of RMNP to include the 40 acres that our family donated which currently is in the hands of the Rocky Mountain Conservancy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vance D. Brand". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Vance D. Brand
Retired NASA Astronaut